

RURAL DISTRICT of MARKET HARBOUROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

- of -

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1968



R. W. Kind, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health

VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 45,670	No. of occupied houses 3,785
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1968 £326,619	No. of houses owned by the Council 743
Sum represented by a Penny Rate £1,295.16. 2	Population (mid 1968) 10,730
<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Live births: Legitimate:	Deaths: All causes
Male: 85	Male: 59
Female: 75	Female: 67
Total.....160	Total..... 126
Illegitimate:	Deaths of infants under 1 week of age:
Male: 6	Male: 2
Female: 3	Female: Nil
Total..... 9	Total..... 2
Total live births:	Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:
Male: 91	Male: 3
Female: 78	Female: Nil
Total.....169	Total..... 3
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	
Male: Nil	
Female: 1	
Total..... 1	
Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population 15.8	Deathrate per 1,000 estimated population 11.7

Causes of Death	1968		
	Male	Female	Total
Other Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	7	16
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	14	12	26
Other forms of Heart Disease	4	12	16
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	6	11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	3	9
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	4	10
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour	1	-	1
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	1	2	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	2
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	1	-	1
Total Deaths, all causes	59	67	126

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death recorded as due to the non-pulmonary form of the disease.

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.


OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Scarlet fever	.....	2
Measles	.....	166
Whooping cough	.....	11
Acute Pneumonia	.....	2
Infective Jaundice	.....	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	1
Dysentery	.....	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

Action was taken during the year to persuade three individuals to enter hospital without formal measures becoming necessary.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2017 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b29789898>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY

Main water supplies from the Leicester Corporation, Market Harborough Urban District Council, and the Mid. Northants. Water Board remain consistently good. All Parishes have a piped supply.

3776 dwelling houses have an internal supply. 42 houses have external standpipes, whilst 50 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 108 to some risk.

It is satisfactory to record that Nevill Holt School was connected to the mains supply during the year.

4 samples of well water were taken, all of which were found unsatisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The district is served by 3 privies, 30 pail closets, and 3852 water closets, the latter discharging into some 23 publicly owned sewage works. In addition, there are 262 cesspools.

Analysis of effluents was continued, and 31 samples of effluent were examined. The quality of effluents, with a few exceptions, usually conforms to requirements.

Construction of the new disposal works at Fleckney was started in September.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Husbands Bosworth, Hallaton, Kibworth, and Holt. The Kibworth Tip has been specified for the dumping of cars and other refuse as required by the Civic Amenities Act of 1967.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Complaints received during the year	.... 148
Premises concerned	.... 177
Total visits of inspection	....3076

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE

	<u>Inspections</u>
Animal keeping	19
Dairies	3
Drainage works	578
Dwelling houses	1520
Food premises	49
Infectious disease inquiries	7
Rodent control	209
Refuse collection and disposal	198
Schools	2
Shops and offices	308
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection	38
Caravans	25
Water supplies	20
Workplaces	23
Other inspections	71
Smoke control	6

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st Jan, 68.	Nil	1
Issued during year	29	22
Complied with during year	28	23
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st Dec. 68.	1	Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	No. registered	Inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found.	Remedied	O/S 31 Dec. 68.
Offices	5	2	-	-	-	-
Retail shops	25	25	-	-	-	-
Wholesale shops warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	14	24	-	-	-	-
Fuel storage depots	3	3	-	-	-	-
Totals	47	54	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a Contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. 28 infestations were dealt with, necessitating 102 visits. Refuse Tips were disinfested four times.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

No case of infestation was reported.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1961

No Licences were issued.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951, and RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Three premises are licensed. 19 inspections were carried out.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

No defects were found during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No formal action was taken during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Three complaints were received during the year. Sound level measurements were carried out without grounds for nuisance being established.

FACTORIES ACTS

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	.....	64
Other premises	.....	17
Inspections made	.....	187
Contraventions found	.....	Nil
Number of outworkers	.....	51

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises inspected	.....	106
Visits made for this purpose	.....	240
Informal Notices served	.....	6
Informal Notices complied with.....		6

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES)
REGULATIONS, 1966

Stallholders complying with Regulations	12
Delivery vehicles complying with Regulations	21

ICE CREAM

45 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

MILK: DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

	<u>Distributors</u>
Number on Register	..... 9
Inspections made	..... 3

MILK SAMPLING

No action was necessary during 1968 as a result of the examination of samples of milk for tubercle bacilli or Brucella abortus.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1968.....	233
Animals examined at time of slaughter	233
Inspection of meat shops	..... 38
Inspection of places where food other than meat is kept or prepared for sale	..... 221

The results of examinations are shown in the following table:-

	Pigs	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs
Number killed (if known)	-	9	Nil	Nil	224
Number inspected	-	9	Nil	Nil	224

No disease was found.

H O U S I N G

1. New Houses

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	..... 252
Applications received during the year	..... 81
Programme of new council houses:	
Erected during the year	..... 26
Under construction at the end of the year	..... Nil
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	..... 144
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	..... 84
Total number of post-war houses completed by	
a) Local Authority	498
b) Private enterprise	768

2. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year

a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	..... 131
Number of inspections made for the purpose	..... 403
b) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	14

3. Repairs

Houses rendered fit after informal action	64
---	----

4. Housing Act, 1957

	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Persons displaced</u>
Houses demolished	11	2
Houses closed	3	7

5. Housing Act, 1949

Applications for Improvement Grant are accepted and dealt with on merit.

8 applications were received in 1968. 7 of these were approved at 50% of the approved cost of works. One only of the applications approved related to rented property.

6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

15 owner/occupiers applied for Standard Grants. A further 8 owners of rented property were similarly accommodated.

20 affected properties were improved during the year.

No application for Standard Grant was refused.

